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Farm animal killer should pay steep price for cruel crime

Whoever massacred the animals at the Real Life Day Farm deserves more than a \$5,000 fine. He should do time in prison, even if he's a youth.

The perpetrator must be taught that torturing and murdering animals is a serious crime, not a game.

High school Christian club gives atheist's life a purpose

In your January 7 *Enterprise*, Karl Black is quoted as saying his intent is not to dissuade Christians from practicing their beliefs, but rather to keep them from preaching them in public schools.

If he knows what he says he does about Christianity, he should know that our practice is based on preaching our beliefs in public. Karl would also know that this is what is commonly referred to as the great commission.

Notice also that Karl only wants an atheist club because someone else got a club. Where was he before Sarah came on the scene?

Karl you should be thankful to God for Christianity. Without it you would have no purpose, and then you might have to do something positive instead of using other people's misfortunes as your example of an unanswered prayer.

What if people decided to use your family as an example in a public forum? Is this what your atheism has taught you? It doesn't sound very attractive to me.

Fuss over religious club only hinders wholesome students

It was unfair to blame atheists for the millions of deaths in World War II because Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin were against religions. You could just as easily blame Christians for the millions of deaths in World War I when most of the belligerents were led by Christians.

The fuss over the school board's decision to turn over a public room to a religious club is silly and getting sillier.

The students should be free to improve their lives. If religion helps some. Good.

The fuss and silly statements only hinder these students' attempts to lead better lives.

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Sidewalk clearance enforcement readied



Pet adoptions

Pet adoptions are still going strong at the Romulus Animal Shelter on Goddard road (just off Wayne road), Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews said Tuesday. Shown here with a pet occupant, Matthews said four Lab-Spaniel puppies 10 weeks old are now available for adoption. The brown and white and black and white pups include two males and two females. The office is open from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. weekdays. MCN Special Photo

Oakley begins as judge

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

New 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley — is now busy in the Romulus based courthouse — following an intense week of judicial schooling in Lansing.

Oakley — who served as a Romulus attorney for more than a decade — won a major political battle in November to succeed retiring Judge Henry Zaborowski.

Oakley was sworn in Dec. 31 by Zaborowski, who offered the oath, and Steve Robinson, who notarized the oath.

Robinson, who served in the former Oakley and Oakley law firm of Romulus, is now a partner with Oakley's wife, Suzanne, in the new Oakley and

Robinson PLLC law firm. The firm is located in the same office on Goddard road.

Oakley got his judicial baptism under fire on Jan. 2, while serving as arraignment judge for Out County weekend arraignments at the 34th District Court.

He then traveled to Lansing on Jan. 4 for five days of intense judicial training offered at the Michigan Judicial Institute New Judges' School.

Then this Monday Oakley began his official judicial duties on a regular basis. His court recorder is Lisa Pond, who served Zaborowski for three and a half years.

"After Monday's session, I fell in love with the job," Oakley said. "I hope I can say the same 30 years from now."



Brian Oakley

Oakley is the son of Romulus Mayor William and Mary Oakley.

Constant snowfalls keep airport, road crews busy

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Continued snow squalls in the western Wayne County area since 1999 began are continuing to keep Detroit Metro Airport and Wayne County road crews hopping in an effort to keep area transportation flowing in a reasonable manner.

Michael Conway, spokesperson for Detroit Metro Airport, said snowfalls early this week did delay various plane flights in and out of the airport, but as of Tuesday morning few if any were cancelled.

Airport snow removal crews worked constantly from 11 a.m. Monday until 7 a.m. Tuesday removing snow from various runways. But after a brief respite a new and somewhat unexpected snowfall began a short time later Tuesday morning and additional snow was slated for Tuesday night.

Conway said the runway clearance effort sometimes gets bogged down, when needed airport signs are blocked from view by the snow removal efforts.

Then the crews need to re-

turn to the runways to expose the signs back to view of all concerned.

The other problem with the plowing is that runways need to be closed down while the plowing is taking place.

The reports of rising temperatures this weekend is not causing any deep concern at the airport, Conway said, since the water retention ponds there almost empty when the first winter snows began to fall.

Meanwhile Wayne County roadways were taking a pounding from the continual snow falls and the on-going cleaning process, John Roach, county road department chief, reported Tuesday morning.

Until the thawing begins later this week, Roach said, most of the county roads will be snow covered, despite the county work crews best efforts to ease the traffic woes.

Roach like many others was surprised by the Tuesday morning snowfall that put a new white coating on roadways and area snow piles.

But the apparently never ending snowfall in the last 10-14 days is draining his crew of 130 plow drivers and 75

other county laborers, Roach said Tuesday, and all are hoping for a day or two break sometime this week.

While current road salt supplies remain in good order, Roach said, hopes are that continuing snow will not last over an extended state area.

While predicted temperature hikes late this week and this weekend are being looked forward to, Roach said, any quick refreezing would cause treacherous icy conditions.

Roach is calling for area residents to extend some patience to his work crews' efforts and to expose (clean snow away from) road catch basins before the thawing process begins.

Roach realizes that the cleaning effort was not as extensive as some would like, he will be having a series of meetings with municipal public works crews that the county is responsible for.

Up to date information on county roads and information on how citizens can help with the process can be found on the Wayne County web page, Roach said.

To find the web information call up www.waynecounty.com, Roach explained.

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Mayor William Oakley and the City Council took emergency steps earlier this week to revive the snow removal portion of the city's sidewalk ordinance that demands that sidewalks be cleared 48 hours after a snow fall of more than two inches.

According to the ordinance change, "persons with physical health problems that would prevent them from removing snow and ice accumulations" would be permitted 72 hours to effect the cleanup.

A copy of the ordinance change appears today in a Romulus city legal advertisement on page A-3.

According to City Clerk Linda Choate an original snow removal ordinance was on the books in the 1970's, but when the city approved an updated sidewalk ordinance in the 1980's based on new construction regulations the snow removal portion of the law was abandoned.

Thus with the recent snow fall crisis, city officials realized the snow removal portion of the law needed to be added to the current law, Choate said.

Thus upon the advice of City Attorney Stephen Hitchcock, the change was put together for action at Monday night's council meeting.

The council then met again in special session Tuesday morning to get the minutes of the meeting approved so they could be published in the *Romulus Roman* today.

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- Linda Choate

According to the ordinance amendment, "the owner, person or entities occupying or in control of the premises with a public sidewalk in front of or adjacent to such premises, are required to keep such sidewalks free and clear of all accumulations of snow in excess of two inches and reasonably free of all ice."

The ordinance amendment states that all snowfall accumulations will be measured by the official snowfall reported at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

If the snow and ice are not cleared, according to the amendment, "the City may remove the snow or ice and charge the cost against the property owner, which may be added to the property tax as provided by state law or ordinances of the city."

City Recreation Director Debbie Dick urged any students or other persons, who would volunteer to help remove snow from sidewalks in emergencies, to call the city's Senior Center and leave their name and phone number with Linda Norman (942-6852).

Romulus residents are mailed survey on city pool, etc.

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus postal patrons are being asked for their opinions on a possible city swimming pool and community center.

For over a year the Romulus City Council and School District officials have been meeting to determine what type of pool(s) and community (recreation) center would best meet the residents' needs in the year 2000 and beyond.

As a prelude to such a ballot issue, the joint governmental bodies are seeking information on how long residents have lived in Romulus, family members who contributed to filling out the survey form and the ages of the persons involved.

The survey form that will only take minutes to fill out centers on such a community center and swimming pool complex and asks whether the city and school district should pursue the concept.

In each of the main center/pool issues, residents are asked to list their top five priorities.

Some of the community center options include arts and crafts room, banquet facility,

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child care area, community meeting rooms, computer lab, gymnasium, indoor soccer, inline skating, racquetball courts, running-walking track, teen activity area and weight training area.

In the pool complex area, options include: a diving area with platform, jacuzzi area, kiddie pool area, lap swim area, olympic 8-lane competitive swim area, outdoor patio, refreshment stand, sauna/steam rooms, water fall, water slide area, etc.

Room in both areas have been made for additional suggestions by citizens.

Residents should be receiving the surveys this week or early next week and are being urged to send them back as soon as possible.



Romulus residents are wondering, "Will this snow ever end?"
MCN photo by Ivan Helfman

Give us space!

Parking problem pits schools against police

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Van Buren Public Schools superintendent James Richendollar can expect a call from Belleville police chief Hal Berriman.

Berriman volunteered to meet with Richendollar to discuss parking by Belleville High School students on Church St. near the West Columbia intersection.

Conrad Welsing addressed in a letter to the city the difficulty residents of the area have in parking on their own streets.

"Street parking, on both sides of Church Street, is usually filled on school days," the letter reads. "It also restricts access for trash pick-up and street cleaning. Is this parking appropriate?"

While Berriman said he is

not sure how much the schools can do about the problem, which is mainly caused by students who drive to school, he would talk to Richendollar to discuss possible remedies.

"What would the school have over students parking on public streets?" he asked council. "They can't control that."

Berriman said the city has several options, including requiring permit parking for the area, limiting parking to two hours, or eliminating parking on one side of the street, which would allow residents more visibility when they're backing out of their driveways.

Mayor pro tem Kay Atkins said students could be prohibited from parking on the street, but Berriman disagreed. "If there's a legal parking spot, it's legal for everybody," he said. "If you show bias just because

he's a student, you're going to get yourself in a lot of trouble."

Atkins responded, saying, "With that in mind, maybe you're not the person to go talk [to Richendollar]." Berriman said council could ask anyone they wanted to talk to the superintendent, but his offer still stood.

Tom Fielder, mayoral candidate and retired VBHS teacher, said the problem is ultimately caused by lack of parking at the high school, and not by students who wish to cut out of school early, as Berriman and council members had previously stated.

He pointed out that most students are denied parking permits on campus. Only student athletes, students involved in after-school clubs and activities and students who leave for co-op jobs are issued permits. Further, park-

ing spaces will be even more premium after the high school's addition is completed, further cutting into parking.

Atkins suggested that students could park in one of several downtown lots and walk to school from there.

Atkins spoke out against permit parking on Church St., saying, "It's a shame when you live on a street and you can't park in front of your own home without a restriction or a permit," and said there may be a better solution. She said residents may be concerned that their visitors would not be able to park on the street without getting a ticket.

Avis White, Belleville resident, said her neighborhood welcomed permit parking, and it did not cause any trouble for her guests because she allowed them to park in her driveway, and parked her car, with a permit on the street.

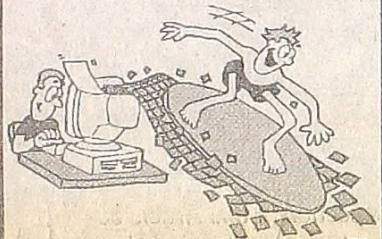
West students give

The spirit of giving has begun through a joint project between students at West Middle School and a local educational sorority. Members of the Delta Kappa Gamma women's edu-

cational sorority, consisting of 60 members, together with 28 students in the 8th-grade Skills for Living class at West are making small projects to donate to needy children.

Surf's up!

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First Aid training offered at park

A First Aid training class will be taught at Sherwood Mobile Home park on Tuesday, January 12th, from 6 to 9 p.m. This class is just one of many programs that will be brought into the mobile home parks thanks to a grant from the Office of Drug Control Policy.

Canton Police Department expanded its community policing efforts with the placement

of Officer Ed Lang in three mobile home parks along Michigan Avenue, near Haggerty.

This new project assigns a community policing officer to patrol three area mobile home parks; Sherwood, Academy and Westpoint. The three parks total about 800 home sites. Crime problems in this area are the most prominent in the Canton community. Officer

Lang is responsible for patrolling the area.

Officers Debbie Newsome and Randy Rankin will be conducting the training along with Lang. If you would like more information on the First Aid training or other activities that Officer Lang is planning for the mobile home parks contact him at (734) 397-0304.

Cool tips for cold winter weather

The weekend's snow fall descended on southeast Michigan with a vengeance, causing whiteout driving conditions and messy roads. But we should not be surprised; after all, this is Michigan and it is January.

AAA Michigan provides

some helpful hints so motorists won't be caught off-guard when the next storm hits. From the Jan./Feb. 1999 issue of "Michigan Living," come these tips for winter driving and auto preservation:

- Change your oil according to the recommendations in

your owner's manual. When oil is clean it will circulate to an engine's moving parts more quickly.

- If no shelter is available on cold winter days, park your vehicle with the engine away from prevailing winds.

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Westland
Wednesday, January 13
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Melvin Bailey Recreation Center
36651 Ford Rd.
(Between Newburgh and Wayne Rd. on south side)
(Refreshments will be served)

Dearborn
Wednesday, January 13
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dearborn Holiday Inn - Fairlane
5801 Southfield Service Dr.
(On corner of Southfield and Ford Rd.)
(Refreshments will be served)

Dearborn Heights
Thursday, January 14
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Canfield Community Center
1801 N. Beech Daly
(Between Cherry Hill and Ford Rd.)
(Refreshments will be served)

Livonia
Thursday, January 14
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Livonia Civic Center Library
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FAMILY ROOM

By KAREN MEIER
MCN Special Writer

The No. 1 most popular New Year's resolution made in the U.S.A. is "lose weight." I hear that all the time - on the radio, the TV, in the grocery store. I also hear it's the resolution that never lasts very long.

Well, that doesn't surprise me in the least, given all those terrible diets and weight loss programs out there. Who could ever succeed at those? They're all so complicated. Calorie counting, food weighing, exercise machines, gym workouts, fancy tight bike shorts, fat grams, meal dealing, oldie sweating, pecs, reps, abs, pills, shakes, tofu, futon. Futon? (Scratch that. That's some sort of bed.) Anyway, the point is, it's all too complicated. Too complicated for me anyway. I've found something much simpler. A kind of diet-program thing.

First, have six children. (Less than six, it'll work, maybe not as well, but it'll work. More than six? It'll work even better.) You're probably saying, "No way. This can't be. Having children IS the prob-

Tired of fad diets? Raising children will slim you

lem." On the contrary, NOT having children is the problem.

For example, when I was just a girl in college and living on good old-fashioned dorm food I hadn't prepared or cleaned up after or even thought about until I was in line with my tray. I sported a butt. One that was actually useful, as in helping to keep my pants up.

But now, six children later, the butt is gone. This diet really works! Why just the other day I was standing in line at the grocery store and little Jack yanked on my pant leg. I nearly lost my drawers. That's good. It is.

The second thing to know about this diet is that in addition to having a bunch of children, you must also be married to a workaholic. This enables mealtimes to be total disasters. Without another pair of adult hands around to assist with the six or more children, you just don't have the opportunity to actually put food in your own mouth.

Between cleaning up milk spills, spooning mushed peas into the baby's mouth, serving another helping of this over

here, fetching the crackers over there, scraping peas off the wall everywhere, running to turn the light on in the bathroom for the short child who is afraid of the dark, running back to find that the food is now pretty much gone, makes this diet super-duper effective.

And without fail, I adhere to the following guideline: Be the sole cleaner-upper after every meal. This allows the diet to work in two more wonderful ways. First, all the caked-on, splattered, dissected meal components serve as very effective eating deterrents. The whole sorry business is just plain gross. And second, the exercise! Scouring the pots and pans, wiping down the stove and neighboring walls, sweeping the floor, then on hands and knees vigorously scrubbing the floor after all meals gets amazingly quick results.

Loads of calories are burned, if by chance any have been ingested in the first place.

And a bonus occurs when two or more of the children are either fighting or crying while cleaning is going on. This

seems to burn up even more calories. I'm not sure of the scientific explanation for this, but somehow it works.

Living in a two-story house is very helpful. Going up and down stairs a trillion times a day to bring toys up and down, babies up and down and laundry up and down certainly makes expensive stair-climbing machines a stupid investment. And this is such a cool thing, because the benefits from climbing all those stairs all day long work alongside the number of chil-

dren underfoot.

There's a tricky formula for figuring this all out; I don't know it. But I do know this: If you've got six children and you live in a two-story house, the pounds melt away. And I'll bet those of you with just one child living in a high-rise apartment, who never take the elevator, see the pounds melt away at an amazing rate, too.

These are only examples. If you choose to do the proportional analysis of stairs to children, know this. It always works out to: the more of both

the better. Now if you've no children and live in a one-story house with no basement, you'd better have a long house and lazy husband.

So here are the four guidelines that have proven successful: Have children, the more the better; be married to a workaholic; keep a relatively clean house; and have steps, the more the better.

And as with any diet-program thing, be sure to consult your physician before you start. Good luck and keep me posted.

CITY OF ROMULUS

CHAPTER 32 ARTICLE II

An Ordinance of the City of Romulus Providing That the Code of Ordinances be Amended to Add Subsection (b) Requiring the Removal of Snow and Ice from all Sidewalks Within the City.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1: **Short Title**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the amended Sidewalk Ordinance.

Section 2:

The City hereby amends Chapter 32, Article II, Section 32-19 to make the existing paragraph of this Section shall be become Subsection (a) and to add Subsection (b) as follows:

(b)

The owner, person or entities occupying or in control of premises with a public sidewalk in front of or adjacent to such premises, are required to keep such sidewalks free and clear of all accumulations of snow in excess of two (2) inches and reasonably free of all ice within 48 hours after the snowfall or ice accumulation so as to render the sidewalks safe for persons walking thereon. All persons occupying a premises who have physical health problems that would prevent them from removing snow and ice accumulations shall see that the above snow and ice accumulations are removed from the premises within 72 hours after the snowfall or ice accumulations. All snowfall accumulations will be measured by the official snowfall reported at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

If the owner or occupant fails to comply with this requirement, the City may remove the snow or ice and charge the cost against the property owner which may be added to the property tax as provided by State law or ordinances of the City.

Section 3.

Saving Clause

Nothing in this ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or administrative body, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed by this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4:

Penalty

Anyone found guilty of violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of this court.

Section 5:

Severability

Should any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-section or section of this Article be declared void or otherwise invalid, for any reason, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Article other than the part specifically declared to be void.

Section 8:

Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of January, 1999.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST: William Oakley, Mayor

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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Fence needed to Sassafrass

By CHERYL VATCHER
MCN Special Writer

Theresa Robbins began her journey to the school board as a trustee five years ago when she began her quest to help save Sassafrass Trails in the Wayne-Westland School District.

Robbins became involved with Sassafrass Trails when Wayne Westland's School District had some financial difficulties in 1993.

"In 1993 they had looked to put up for sale some of the 64 acres that the school district owned. Part of that was Sassafrass where Wilson school had been located. The school hadn't been used for many years," she said.

After the school was no longer needed in the district, federally funded head-start, and Sparky pre-school occupied the premises for a few years. Robbins said that the school has been vacant since 1994-1995. The programs were moved to Stottlemyer on Marquette, which is owned by the school district.

Robbins' property runs next to the nature center.

"My children grew up in the woods," she said.

"The rumors began by saying that there would be a large housing development built there. When I found this out, my combined love of nature, and wanting to protect the area I started a grassroots effort, with the first meeting in

January 1993," she said.

"We created an interest in saving the area, especially Sassafrass Trails. We had 20 core members, and had help from the legislature, Eileen Dehart, Tom Kelly, and Loren Bennett," she said.

She said that it has taken 5 years to get this far, and the group had to provide a 200 page prospectus showing why the area needs to be saved; i.e., as an educational tool for the district. By providing a purpose for their efforts, they were awarded \$520,000.00 in 1997. The school signed off on it, September 1997. What this means is that the school can use it, and is responsible for the 51 acres. The school had 64 acres, and some of these acres were sold to a developer late last year.

"There was a fence built between Sassafrass Trails and Wilson School in the 1980's that was paid for by the taxpayers. This fence went around the inside and outside of the trail. Right now most of the fence is still there, but some has been removed by the builders," she said.

"I'd like to see a fence put back up for the protection of the woods. Who's responsible for it?" she said.

She said that because of where the fence was located prior to any construction taking place, that she, and others in the Wayne-Westland School District assumed that the fence was part of the package in protecting Sassafrass Trails.

"We didn't know to question anyone about the fence after the property was sold," she said.

She said the property purchased was per lot, not per acre. Part of the parcel that was sold, was near the stream, and they already covered it with a cement road.

"I haven't pursued the issue, I did what I could, and I have moved on. Chuck Johnson, a core member of the group is working on this issue now. When I got elected as a Trustee in June of last year, I didn't want to have a conflict of interest," she said.

She said that Johnson has pursued this situation through the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) and also the Wayne County Drain Commissioners.

"They have vacated that drain. They have illegally abandoned that. He's really in the trenches on this," she said.

She said that there's no construction taking place, and that it stopped way before the bad weather began.

Wilson school was a show-case. Built in the 1960's, it was used throughout the 1980's, and provided plenty of field trips. David Cox, Wayne-Westland School board said that they need to get the program up and running there again. "We need to have the financial gaps filled in, and we need the legislature to help," she said.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 28, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael A. Prybyla, William J. Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Donald R. Morris, Debbir Romak

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-470

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 14, 1998, as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-471

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize, with guidelines from the Administration, the issuance of a temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the parking lot only to Qwik Park, 7782 Merriman subject to all previous conditions of the Planning Commission and Special Use Approval.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla,

Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-472

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marge Genaw.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-473

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to award Bid 98-52 for demolitions to the low bidder, Genesis VII Corporation in the amount of \$38,543.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-474

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to maintain Plante & Moran as the City's auditors for Fiscal Year 1998/1999 in the amount of \$34,800.00 and for Fiscal Year 1999/2000 in the amount of \$35,950.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-475

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to authorize the purchase of five (5) tires for the big end loader machine from Contractor's Tire in the total amount of \$6,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-476

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to grant authorization for all elected officials to attend the National League of Cities Conference to be held in Washington, D.C., March 6-10, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-477

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to vacate the entire alley abutting Lots 14 through 33 inclusive and Lots 84 & 85 Waynecorse Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-478

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization for payment of Warrant #98-24 in the grant total amount of Seven Hundred and Fifty Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Four Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$753,354.31).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 28, 1998.

Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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News from area Churches

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King celebration slated Monday at Salvation Army

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

One of the major celebrations in western Wayne County marking the birthday of slain Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King will be conducted at 6 p.m. Monday at the **Wayne/Westland Salvation Army**.

The guest speaker will be **Col. Franklyn Thompson**, new commander of the Divisional Headquarters of the Salvation Army in Southfield.

Leau'Rette Douglas, S.A. community programs director, said the night will include: Thompson's talk, entertainment, acknowledgements, fellowship and refreshments.

The Army facility is located at 2300 Venoy road, several blocks off Michigan avenue.

Another area celebration commemorating Dr. King's 70th birthday will take place the day before (Jan. 17) at the **Swords and Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery**, 33 E. Adams ave. in Detroit.

The kickoff of a new exhibit "Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Gandhi" will be at 3 p.m. at the **Central United Methodist Church**, Woodward and Grand Circus Park (next to the peace center) in downtown Detroit.

King credited a biography on Gandhi written by the late E. Stanley Jones as being instrumental in his setting up his non-violent civil rights actions in the U.S. in the 1950-60's.

Both King and Jones were Nobel Peace Prize nominees...King actually was named a recipient of the annual award.

Sixty six photos featuring much of Gandhi's life will be on display through April 2. They will include pictures as early as his childhood (when he was only seven years old), his early career in South Africa, with his famous spinning wheel, the salt march to the sea, his frequent fasts, his attempts to reconcile Muslims and other Indian factions and his funeral in 1948.

The spirit of the outing and the lengthy display of his photos will be to record how Gandhi helped bring down the oppressive imperialism of the British Empire with "Satyagraha" (soul force, truth and non-violence).

That spirit was adopted by King and led to many of the successful actions he led in the field of civil rights.

At the kickoff ceremony, Jones' son-in-law, **Bishop James Matthews** will speak on "Gandhi—Matchless Weapon."

For more information or to make reservations for group visits call 313-963-7575.

A third session will be an open discussion on the *Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Continuing the Journey for Economic Justice*, from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 18 in the executive classroom (2213) on the campus of Madonna University.

The free public discussion will be headed by several panelists including Lila Cabbill, confidant to Rosa Parks. For more information call Osvaldo Rivera, director of the office of multicultural affairs at 734-432-5541.

The university is located I-96 and Levan road in Livonia.

A workshop on "The Bible as Literature" will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 6 and 13 at **Madonna University** in Livonia.

The workshops will examine techniques, designs and rhetoric strategies used in selected storytelling structures of the Bible.

The non-credit fee is \$100. Meanwhile students can earn 1.5 continuing education units.

The **Rev. Richard C. Sparks**, Paulist priest, author and ethics professor, will be addressing ethical matters and

other issues when he speaks at Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy next week.

On Jan. 21 (1:30 p.m.), Sparks will speak to students at Wayne State University's Student Center Building, Hillberry A. (second floor) on the topic of *Morality in the Next Generation: Amoral, Immoral or Differently Moral?*

Later that day (7:30 p.m.) he will speak to students at the University of Detroit Mercy's Ward Conference Center on the topic of *Bioethics for the Next Millennium: Health Care Character, Genetics and Access for All*.

At 10 a.m. Jan. 22, Sparks will also give his final Detroit presentation at WSU's Medical School-Scott Hall, 540 E. Can-

field.

His topic will be *Bioethics: To Treat or Not Treat the Handicapped Newborn*.

The events are being sponsored by the Campus Ministry offices at Wayne State University and University of Detroit Mercy.

All the presentations are free to the public. For more information call 313-577-3462.

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Rev. Hoff cited for his Christ-like acts

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Rev. Edwin C. Hoff, long term minister for the handicapped at Belleville First United Methodist Church, was eulogized last Saturday for his loving nature and his Christ-like actions.

Senior Pastor John Grenfell III, who joined the church last summer, said "we were in the midst of planning Rev. Hoff's retirement celebration last week, when we were notified of his sudden death."

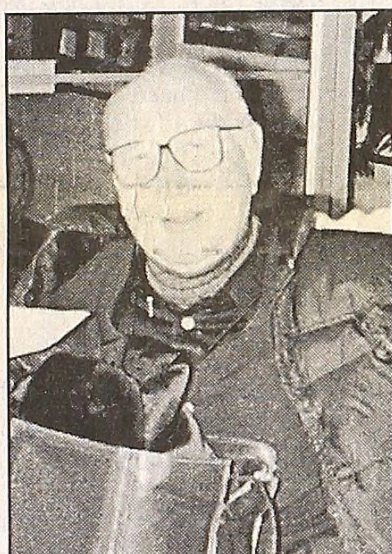
Rev. Hoff, 76, was planning on retiring following 26 years of ministry to the handicapped in the Belleville area. Sadly, his friends said he died suddenly the night of Jan. 4 after suffering an apparent heart attack.

"Ed's true spiritual leadership reminded us to see beyond the limits of time into that true realm of eternity," Grenfell said.

Despite his own handicap, Grenfell said, Hoff never complained and because of his spirit of total surrender to the Lord, we were hard-pressed to be even reminded of his handicap.

With Rev. Hoff's sudden passing, Grenfell said, "we lost a giant of the faith and a giant of a man."

Rev. Hoff was born June 7, 1922 in Detroit and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. After being seriously injured in a vehicle accident, he earned many medals for his handicapped swimming.



Rev. Edwin C. Hoff

He also was active in the successful effort to enact barrier free legislation.

Taking part in Saturday's funeral rites for Rev. Hoff that were attended by nearly 400 mourners, were recently retired Rev. David Strong, who sang *How Great Thou Art* and Joy E. Arthur, the first pastor that Rev. Hoff served with in Belleville.

Among his survivors are his wife, Mary E. (Jones) Hoff, and three sisters, Alice (Robert) Day of Saginaw; Lucille Sigler of Ann Arbor and Marjorie (John) Kill of Grosse Ile.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Memorial gifts are urged to be sent to the church.

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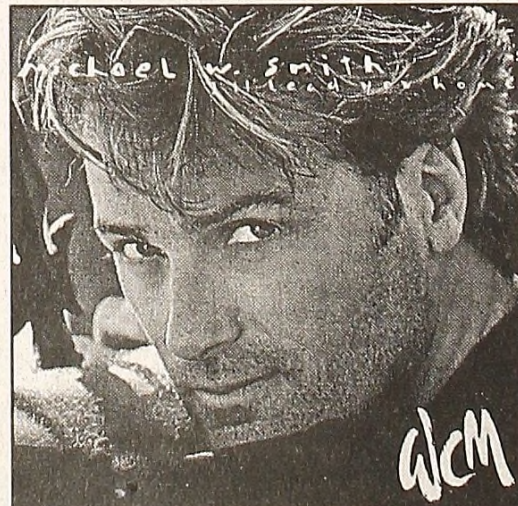
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New Years Eve 2000 event being planned already

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Canton Senior Center already is checking with area residents, who are interested in joining plans for a celebration on New Years' Eve 2000.

Plans also are being considered for New Years' Day 2000.

If you have any interest in joining either event or any ideas to add to such festivities, call the Senior Program Desk at 397-5444.

A "Yes You Can" Senior Exercise Program for Canton seniors also is now underway from 2 to 3 p.m. Fridays in Dance Studio C on the second floor of the Summit in the Park.

The mild exercise program is being led by Lorraine Schmitt and will use chairs, stretch bands, light hand weights, floor mats (all provided) to add to the music of the 50's.

The program is free and open to all Canton senior citizens.

Free tax counseling will begin Feb. 9 in the Parkview Room at the Summit. Morning and afternoon sessions are available and appointments are being accepted now.

Arrangements also can be made for the homebound through the program sponsored by the American Asso-

ciation of Retired Persons. Call 397-5444 to register or to obtain more information.

The Canton Seniors Kitchen Band is beginning 1999 by seeking new members. Persons 55 and over are eligible to join, but must have a love of music. No formal music or band training is required.

The band practices every Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Arts 1 room.

Paczki Day is being planned from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the Oak Multi-Use Room for what is being as a "fabulous and yes fattening pastry event."

Call 397-544 to reserve a hot cup of coffee and a super-donut.

Jim Rawlinson of Rawlinson Photography of Plymouth is offering free video tapings for individual family histories from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

The offer is for individuals or couples, but reservations are needed as only one such taping will be done each week.

The Canton Senior Program will provide the tapes free and Rawlinson will ask the participants such things as: how has technology changed your life, how did the great depression impact your family, what experiences did any member of your family have in any of the wars in the 20th century.

Participants also will be offered a chance to leave a mes-

sage for future generations of the family.

Call 397-5444 to make such appointments.

The Canton Senior Center is currently putting together a Progressive Pinochle Group, massage therapy class, billiards tournaments. If interested call the center.

A monthly display of different decades in the 20th century will be offered at the Canton Senior Center. In February, the "Roaring 20s" period will be featured.

Residents are being urged to loan photos concerning events during various parts of the century to the Senior Center. For more information call 397-5444.

Card playing adventures are being offered at the Senior Center at 1 p.m. Tuesdays for euchre, pinochle, bridge or any other card games. New participants are always welcome.

Evening duplicate bridge meetings are held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Monday in the Parkview Room. The group is open to all ages, but there is a small \$2 charge per evening.

New E-mail accounts for senior citizens are now available at the Canton Senior Center at no charge. The free service is available by appointment only.

So call 397-5444 to reserve a spot.

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to more than 70 homebound Canton residents,

as well as to drive the electric-powered Senior Shuttle at the Summit.

Call 397-5444 to volunteer.

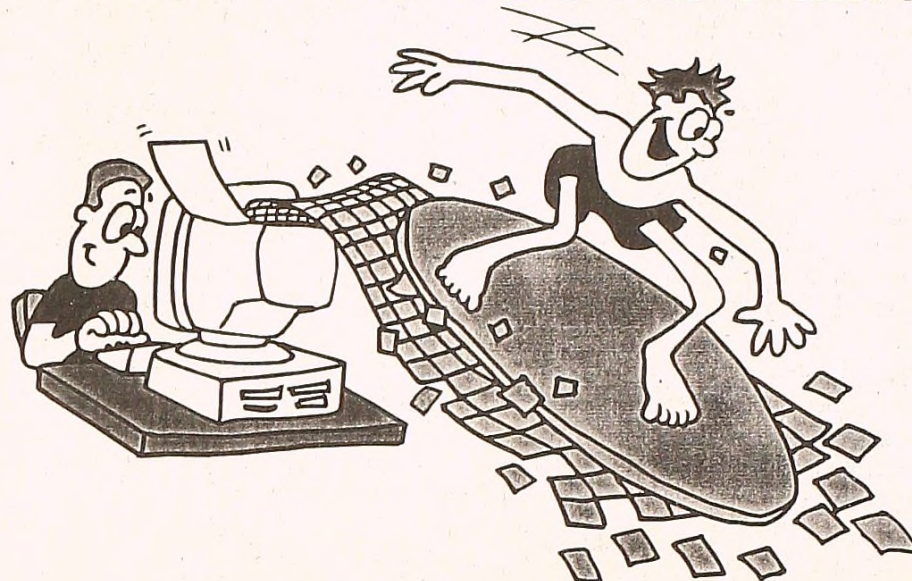
Alzheimer's Support Group

meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren road in Canton. For more information contact Rosemary Shim at 326-1200.



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Senior trips being planned

Senior citizen trips have been planned by the September Days Senior Center in Belleville.

On Jan. 19 participants will leave center at noon for a trip to a Hamtramck for a Polish lunch at "Under the Eagle."

Travelers will pay for their own authentic Polish lunch.

On Jan. 21 a trip is planned to Fisher Theatre in Detroit for a warm comedy "The Gin Game" featuring Julie Harris and Charles Durning as two stubborn retirees, whose rivalry and budding romance breaks through their loneliness to forge a friendship over a tumultuous series of card games.

The cost is \$67 and includes the price of a dinner.

Then on Jan. 25 a two day trip is planned to the Empress Casino Hotel, Bianco Tours. Final cost is \$69 including transportation, baggage handling, one dinner, one lunch and one continental breakfast.

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Youthful murders are sad condemnation of society

Murder is increasingly becoming the venue of the young—the extremely young. In their world, or so psychologists say, committing murder is typically not an act of anger, but an act of boredom. Nothing better to do so let's go out and kick someone's a—, might be the typical weekend battle cry of some teens. If the ass kickin' ends in death, so what? Chances are the cops aren't going to catch on, and if they do, I'm a juvenile and could be out of detainment in one year.

Such is life nowadays. Some of our youth have no regard for human life. Take as an example John Glenn freshman Stephen Rains and Jason Blevins. Now they certainly will have their day in court, but allegedly they bragged to their fellow students that they spanked fellow student Jeffrey Firman real good one night a couple of weeks ago. They allegedly left Firman in a pool of blood on the Cherry Hill High School football field. Only problem with the beating is that Firman never regained consciousness. He was dead, allegedly bludgeoned to death by two classmates.

At first glance the two accused freshman appear innocent. You are stunned by their youthfulness. Rains is a frail, 100-pounder that it seems would be hard pressed to beat a flea. Yet he and his partner are accused of open murder. Absolutely incredulous one might surmise. How could this happen?

I find even more astounding, however, a murder that is grabbing headlines in Central Florida. It occurred only two miles from my vacation home, and the accused are brother and sister, 12 and 13 years of age.

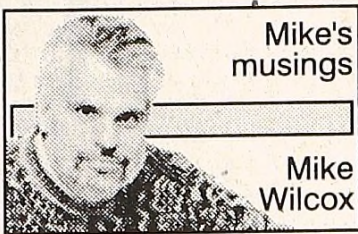
The story pieced together by police investigators, allegedly claims Catherine Jones and her brother, Curtis planned and executed the murder of their stepmother-to-be. Two nights before they allegedly shot her in the kitchen where she was putting the last piece of a puzzle in a place, they had stolen their dad's handgun and hid it behind the house. Fueled by jealousy because their father was spending more time with his wife-to-be than his children, allegedly the children planned and then committed the ruthless act of murder.

Again, the alleged murderers are so small and innocent looking, it is damn difficult to imagine them with a pistol in their tiny hands. But these small fries not only had the pistol, they allegedly fired it over and over until mommy-to-be was good and dead.

I'm at a loss for words. Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood" a 1960's novel about the brutal murders of a Kansas family, although it took the world by storm when it was written, today it would have a hard time publishing. Brutal murders are every day stuff. Kids shooting friends, family, or passer-bys is almost as commonplace as the local convenience store being robbed. It's a sick world and it doesn't seem to be getting any better.

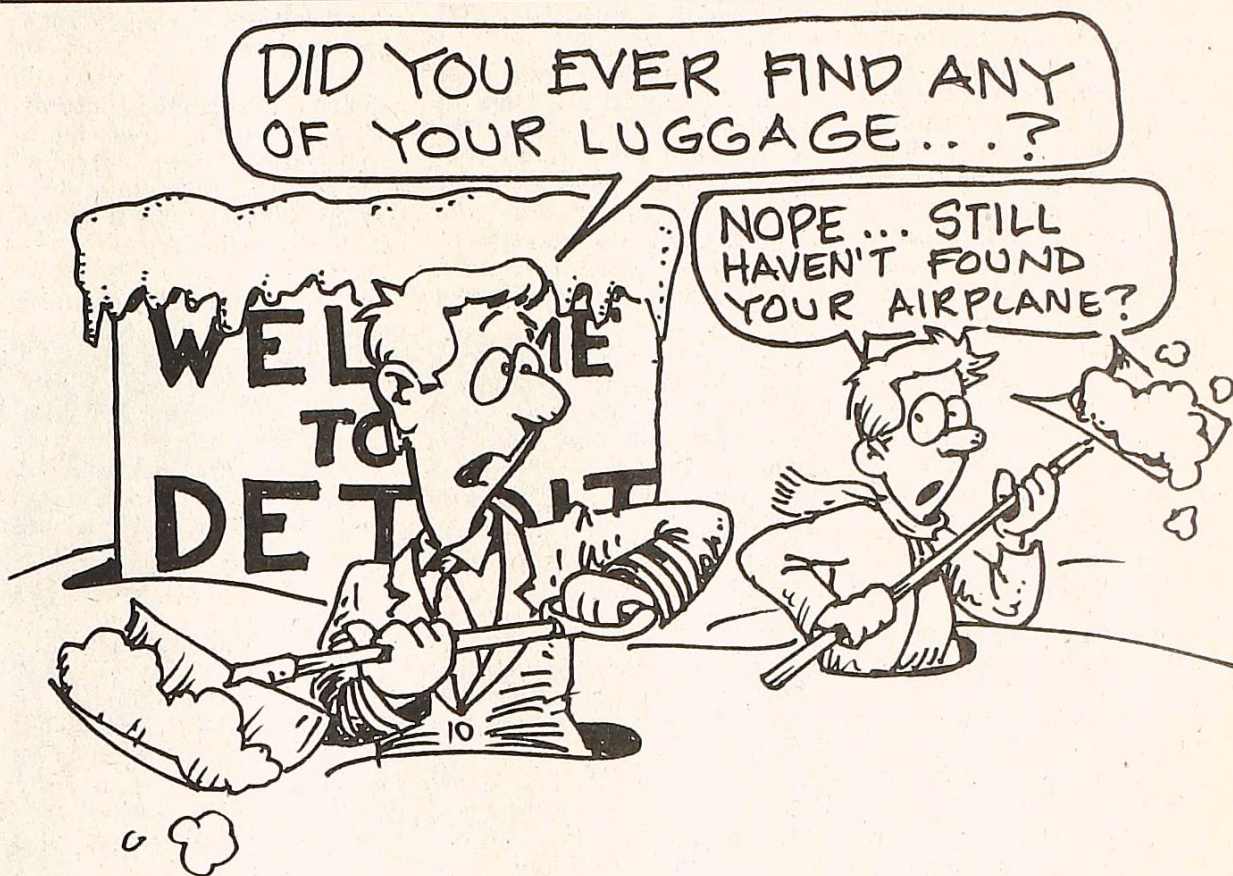
On a lighter note, congratulations to Belleville mayor-elect, Thomas Fielder. The life-long City resident and high school political science teacher can now add MAYOR to his resume. Hopefully, a year from now, we can say, GOOD MAYOR.

Fielder jumps into a hot seat that was created when recalled former mayor, Dennis Fassett did battle with the city council over a host of issues. The teacher will now have to put all his lesson plans in to action as he tries to make nice to the various warring factions in an effort to pave the way to a kinder and gentler Belleville. If top notch credentials and a consensus of the people (he won the three-way mayoral election handily) are an indication, Fielder has a great chance to be successful.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Carlovers may lose out

Times are good. According to the polls we're all too happy to care about politics.

People can remain trapped on airplanes at the only airport in the country that can't plow snow, and the county executive remains the most popular politician in the county.

Our national government is consumed with the president's private life and the supposed threat of a small poor country to the exclusion of more pressing issues, like preserving social security.

Meanwhile, nobody hereabouts noticed that Vice President Al Gore threw his hat into the ring, running on a platform that would, if enacted, change the way we live in Western Wayne County.

Western Wayne County, more than most areas in the country, lives and dies by the auto. The car provides jobs and pleasure. People fix up old cars and flock to car shows. Many grew up cruising Daily's. Many still race at nearby drag strips.

Officials from Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield to Supervisor Tom Yack work hard to maintain and improve roads.

I doubt whether a politician could be elected in our readership area who put restraints on cars.

But with Americans happy



Ivan Helfman

with the longest boom in modern history, nobody noticed that Monday Gore unveiled a program to fight urban sprawl and ease traffic congestion in American cities.

That means restricting cars, to some extent replacing them with mass transit.

Gore said the aim of the initiative will be to create "livable communities, comfortable suburbs, vibrant cities and green spaces all around and in between."

The proposal included tax credits of \$700 million over five years to support "Better America bonds," which could be used to preserve green space, create or restore urban parks, protect water quality and clean up abandoned industrial sites.

To help ease traffic congestion, the proposed Department of Transportation budget for fiscal year 2000 would include a record \$6.1 billion for public transit and \$2.2 billion to support state and local efforts to ease congestion and reduce air pollution.

An additional \$570 million was set aside for projects such as the renovation of historic rail stations, the creation of bicycle and

pedestrian trails and scenic beautification.

Gore said urban sprawl led to traffic gridlock and undermined family life. He said too many people spent too much time in traffic jams rather than with friends and family.

"We are taking citizens' concerns to the very top of our national agenda," Gore said.

The switch to "livable communities," in which mass transportation returns, was so important that Gore devoted a portion of his first campaign speech to it.

While personally I favor the switch, feeling that the return to pedestrian communities will strengthen family life. I even feel it will do more: it will strengthen neighborhoods and restore our civilization, perhaps to the level of the "American High" in the 1950s.

I neither work for the Big Two nor a supplier. I don't have to worry about the gains being made at the expense of my job.

However, those that do ought to be concerned about the next presidential election, where urban sprawl will be a major theme.

Some big-name Republicans, like Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Christy Todd Whitman, favor "livable communities."

Car lovers may have nowhere to turn.



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Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

New Start: Going From the Red Into the Black

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm so far in debt I don't think I'll ever see the light of day. Two years ago I allowed my niece and nephew to come live with my wife and our 3 children. It was to be a temporary thing until my sister got on her feet. She successfully completed drug rehab, got a new job and an apartment. Just when the kids were going to move back, she was arrested for a D.W.I. That made number 5 and it bought her a long jail sentence.

Well, I had gone out on a limb getting her an attorney, buying her a used car, not to mention keeping her kids clothed and fed with no support from her. In the meantime, my company right-sized (what a stupid term!) and I lost my job. I ended up maxing out my credit cards and using up any equity I had in our home. It's a nightmare now. Creditors calling every hour of the day and no job. I need to start over and the only way I can do that is to file bankruptcy. The irony of the situation is I can't afford the filing fee or court costs, which I understand to be roughly \$750. Please, I'm really at the end of my rope. I need someone to cast me a line or I'm going down for the third time.

Mr. S. H. ... The Press, Osseo, MN

Dear Mr. H.: To quote a friend of mine, "I can take the fear out of bankruptcy." That friend is Jack Prescott, the most widely used bankruptcy attorney in the state of Minnesota. As Jack says, "It's all I do and I do it well." I should know because Mr. Prescott helped me out years ago. New beginnings are in order here, so contact Jack Prescott at (612) 633-2757 and he will send me the bill. As for the pride issue, we all make mistakes. It's what we learn from those mistakes that measures the true worth of a man. Good luck.



Dear Percy: Our neighborhood is the kind where drive by shootings are as common as a trip to the corner deli. As a single parent raising 4 children (ages 2, 8, 11 and 13), I fear hourly what might happen to them. I work

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8 hours a day and would work more because I'm not lazy, but I strongly believe my children need to have me home. My other fear is that my 13 year old daughter is going to sell drugs to buy what she wants. You know, the kind of clothing and jewelry drug dealers can afford. My God, Mr. Ross, I love my children and try to be a positive role model, but the competition of what the pagan gods can offer is so hard to compete against. I'm not asking you to buy my kids designer clothes—just to make some kind of investment in them.

Ms. D. N. ... Queens Ledger, New York, NY

Dear Ms. N.: I need to supply you with something tangible that you can award your children for walking the straight and narrow. Upon completion of this school year, \$1,000 to your 13 year old, \$500 to your 11 year old and \$250 to your 8 year old. The criteria to be met is passing school grades and no drugs—using or selling. Beyond that—prayers? Luck? I guess a little of both.



Dear Mr. Ross: My beloved aunt passed away several months ago. Aunt Emma was more than just my aunt—she was like a mother to me. My own mother never cared for me because I was plain and quiet—backwards was what she used to call me. From age 12 I lived with Aunt Emma, who although was strict, ruled all that she did with love and warmth. I'm now 47 and the 25 years I spent with her meant more to me than any other relationship I've had. I'm single, no children and have a good paying job. Financially I'm well set because I have no credit card debt and a small pension that grows annually. I wish my loss could be solved by you giving me some money, but it won't. However, you're a wise man. How do you view death?

Miss W. T. ... Open Market, Tiffin, OH

Dear Miss T.: Death is the blowing out of a candle because the dawn has come. My condolences for your loss of Aunt Emma.

Letters from our readers

I am eternally grateful for MCN Christmas Wish Program

To the Editor:

I wanted to write a few words to say thank you for all the help I was given from you and all of the generous people who donated goods to the Christmas Wishes Program.

However, there aren't any words that can describe the joy in my heart I felt when I saw my boys' faces on Christmas morning. They were simply delighted. Smiles from one ear to the other. And I am eternally grateful. I am happy to say I now have a job at Cracker Barrel in Belleville. And I love it. I am also enrolled in Cosmetology at State College of Beauty in Ann Arbor. Classes were to start Jan. 5, but due to the weather, I will be starting in the morning (Jan. 6). I couldn't be happier. And my boys are so proud of me. Which will give me great motivation in the coming month.

I'm going to be fabulous! And hopefully I will be able to help someone have a great Christmas in the years to come. Just as you have done for me. Again, Thank

you. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Leah Hall

US taxpayers shouldn't fund evil United Nations

To the Editor:

In doing the will of the genocidal banker controlled United Na-

tions, has Uncle Sam replaced the Russians as the new bully on the block?

I'm a veteran of World War II but if I was asked to serve in a conflict today run by the United Nations, I would face a firing squad rather than comply. When will we stop invading the exclusive domain of the Almighty by

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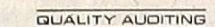
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the killing of the unborn by abortion and our youth in war? The only ones who profit from these acts are the profiteers, the bankers. When will we stop filling our coffins with our youth and the coffers of these bankers with blood money?

Did we taxpayers pay trillions of dollars for our National Defense so that these Malthusians in Washington could use it to conquer the world for the United Nations?

However, in our awesome struggle for right and justice, I paraphrase the words of that great Irish patriot, Robert Emmett:

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Say we proudly,
God save America
Say we all.

Whether on the scaffold high
Or on battlefield we die,
O what matter how
For Liberty dear we fall.

*Yours truly,
Euchlich McKenna*

Tobacco wars heat up in Michigan in 1999

To the Editor:

For the past year, some of the fiercest battles in the tobacco wars have been waged in Congress. Now, with the signing of the \$206 billion settlement between state Attorneys General and the tobacco industry, there will be an increased focus on the states as legislatures, including Michigan's, debate how to spend the money.

These debates and decisions will be critical. A key test of the success of the state Attorneys General agreement will be whether the states allocate an adequate portion of the funds they will receive to programs designed to reduce tobacco use, particularly among kids, and to help smokers quit. If state legislatures fail to

earmark funds for this purpose, they will miss a key opportunity to protect kids. This would also undermine the Attorneys General's efforts to deal with the rising cost of caring for sick smokers. As high as these costs are today, they will be even higher if the current generation of youth becomes addicted adults.

Michigan is due to receive \$8.53 billion from the tobacco companies through 2025. It would be a huge mistake - and a big victory for Big Tobacco - to view this settlement money as just a lucky windfall. It is not "found" money, but a repayment for billions of dollars appropriated by the legislature to pay for the health care costs of treating citizens who suffer from smoking-related illnesses.

"This money must be spent to address the issue at the core of the multi-state settlement-reducing the incidence of smoking, particularly among young people," said Matthew J. Myers, executive vice president and general counsel of the Washington, DC-based CAMPAIGN FOR TOBACCO-FREE KIDS. "If these settlement funds are diverted from tobacco control, Michigan will face continued increases in youth tobacco use."

The best way Michigan can substantially reduce smoking and other tobacco use is to establish a well-funded, sustained and comprehensive program. Nothing else can compete against the addictive power of nicotine and the tobacco industry's aggressive marketing tactics.

State programs can and do make a difference. Arizona, California, Florida, and Massachusetts have already initiated aggressive public education campaigns. Mississippi and Texas are starting up. The longest-running programs, in California and Massachusetts, have reduced overall smoking within these states compared with the rest of the nation. They use numerous tactics to reach state residents, with most activities falling into one of three

major categories:

High-profile education campaigns in the media and schools, targeted at youth, adult smokers, and the public in general. The messages de-glamorize smoking among young people, expose the dishonesty of the tobacco industry, encourage smokers to quit, and publicize the health risks of exposure to second hand tobacco smoke.

Community-based tobacco control efforts in coordination with institutions such as local boards of health, local health departments, and primary care health organizations. The local programs provide smoking cessation counseling and information and education services.

Statewide initiatives that promote local policies, regulations, and ordinances limiting smoking in public places and restricting youth access to tobacco.

"If we as a nation are committed to reducing tobacco use among kids, we still need federal legislation," said Bill Novelli, president of the Campaign. "The new Congress must commit to making a tobacco control a top priority."

But the settlement is only half the equation; the other half that still is needed is meaningful national legislation to reduce tobacco use. A national policy, coupled with state tobacco control efforts, is the best way to counter years of multi-billion dollar advertising and marketing campaigns from the tobacco industry.

Federal legislation is necessary to address those areas the agreement does not cover, including: FDA authority over tobacco products; provisions to make tobacco products less accessible to children; the need for new, more visible health warnings; the problems of U.S. tobacco company marketing to youth overseas; and more.

*Sincerely,
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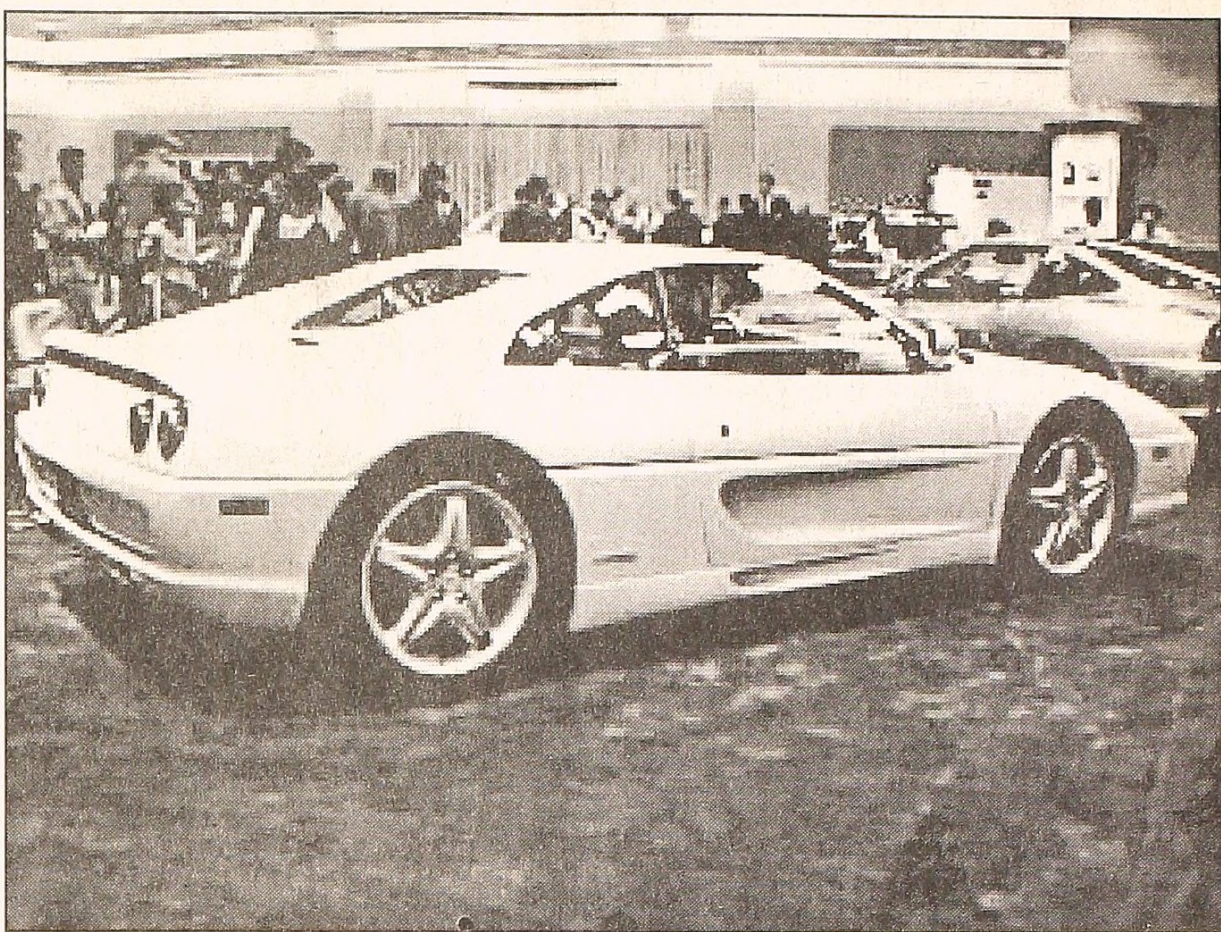
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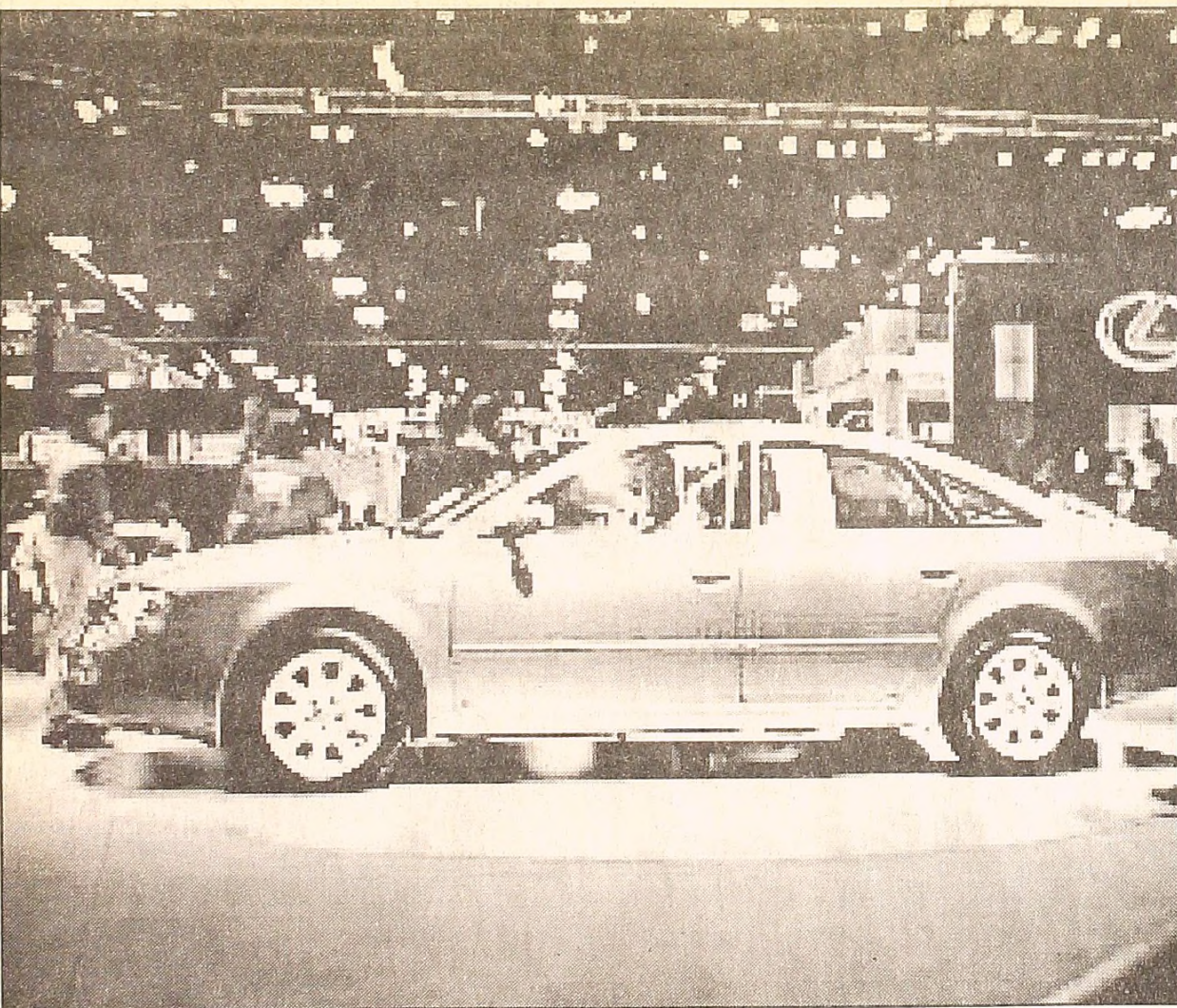


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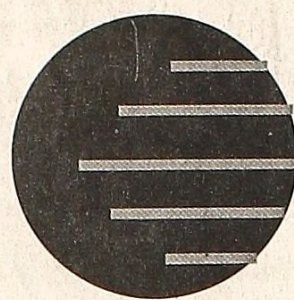


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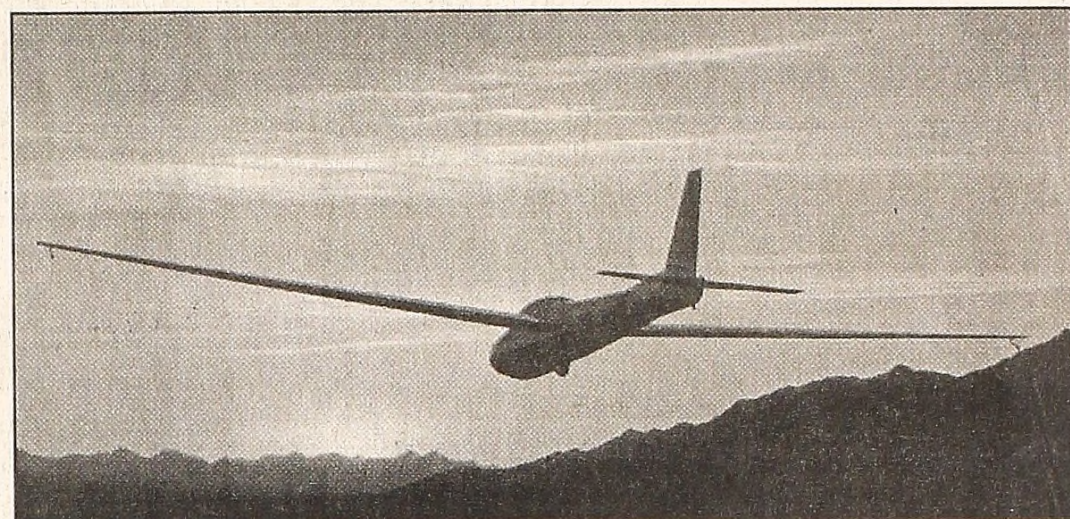
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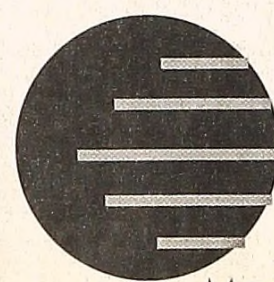
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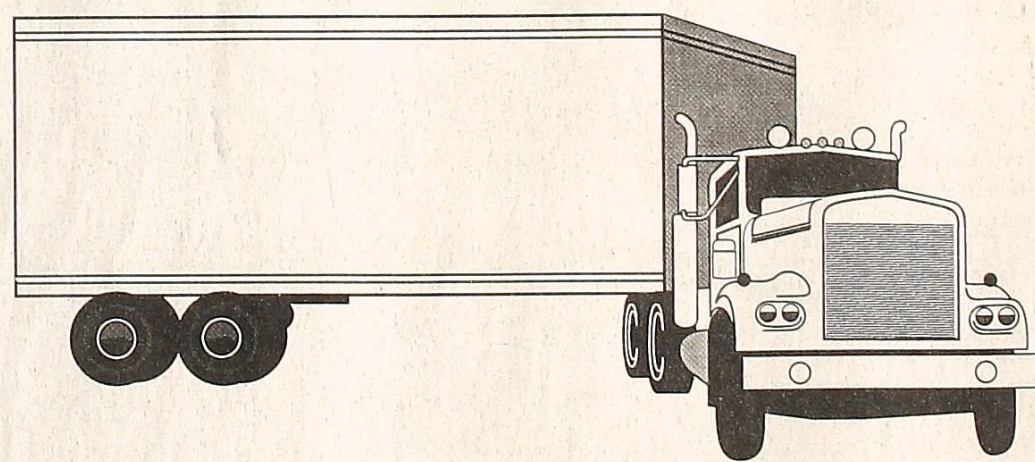
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I REMEMBER MAMA directed by Christopher Bremer will be offered March 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27 at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive). The cast includes seven women, four men, five children and a cat. For more information call Christopher Bremer at 313-561-TKYS.

McEDUCATOR'S DAY is slated from 3 to 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Romulus McDonald's Restaurant -- across from the high school on Wayne road. Romulus High will earn part of proceeds during that four hour period to help with the Student of the Month program. Administrators and staff will clean the Mac floors, wipe the Mac tables, shake the Mac shakes and fry the Mac fries, while making use of their fast food skills. Assistant High School Principal Doug Hoffman urges the public to support the school effort during the above listed hours.

HEALTH FAIR 1999 is slated to begin at 10 a.m. Jan. 20 in the Waterman Center of Schoolcraft College on Haggerty road in Livonia. Numerous free exhibits and demonstrations will be offered along with some moderate price physical screenings will be offered by members of the Botsford General Hospital and other professional units. For more information call 734-462-4463.

ROMULUS HEAD START is now recruiting eligible three and four year old children for its free pre-school program held at the old Beverly School on Beverly road (adjacent to Wayne road) in Romulus. Head Start serves children from low income families, foster children and children with disabilities. For more information call 734-334-1812.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH orientation meeting will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Romulus Public Library. Community Police Officer Joseph Richardson will answer questions from the public at the session and discuss crime prevention efforts now in operation in Romulus. This will be the first in a series of monthly meetings at the library. Contact Richardson at 941-8400 or the Romulus Library for further meeting updates.

HAWAII TOUR totaling 15 days and four islands is slated for May 25 under the sponsorship of the Summit Community Center in Canton. The cost is \$1,649 per person. Trip will include visits to Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the big island of Hawaii. A free preview of the trip



First baby in 1999

Leeza Donner, daughter of Kelly and Myong Shim Donner of Westland, was the first baby born in 1999 at Garden City Hospital. Born at 6:54 a.m. Jan. 1, Leeza weighed eight pounds and one ounce and measured 21 inches. The birth took place in the hospital's newly renovated labor, delivery, recovery and post partum suites. Dr. James Parshall, an OB/GYN specialist, assisted in the birth. MCN Special Photo

will be offered at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at the center. For more information call 397-510.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING is now available at Wayne County Parks, including at the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights and Hines Park Nankin Mills Area in Westland. For more ski condition information call 734-261-1990. In addition several ice rinks are available at Newburgh Pointe in Westland, Wilcox Lake in Plymouth, Inkster Park in Inkster and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area in Westland.

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SPECTACULAR featuring carvers from U.S., Canada, Japan, Norway, Russia and Switzerland, is slated Jan. 13-18 at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The fun-filled family winter festival is free and open 24-hours a day. The hotline number is 734-459-9157.

MOM-DAUGHTER CLASSES OFFERED are slated in Canton soon by St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Women Health Services to help conversational talks improve between mothers and elementary and middle school-age daughters. For more information or to register call 800-231-2211.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY board meetings will be held Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. For more information call 734-397-0088.

BALLET AUDITIONS for the School of American Ballet will be held Jan. 18 at the Oakland University Dance Dept., Varner Hall in Rochester. The times are 2-3:30 p.m. for 12 and

13 year olds; 3:30 to 5 p.m. for 14 and 15 year olds and from 5 to 6 p.m. for 16-18 year olds. An application fee of \$10 is needed at audition time. For more information call Annette Burgess at 212-769-6600.

EAT RIGHT/THINK CLEAN by Eugene Clark will be offered from Jan. 15-Feb. 27 at the Center Galleries, Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design, in Detroit. For more information call Michele Spivak at 313-664-7806.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS VISIT Globetrotters' World Tour will stop off at 1 p.m. Jan. 30 at The Palace in Auburn Hills. Tickets ranging from \$11.50 to \$18 can be charged to credit cards by calling 248-645-6666. Two dollar discounts can be obtained for senior citizens 60 and over and for children 12 and under.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. each second Monday of the month at 9318 Newburgh road (between Joy road and Ann Arbor trail in Canton. All veterans, both male and female, who served from Jan. 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975 are eligible to join regardless of duty station. For more information call Don Dignan at 313-845-3752 or 734-525-0157.

WINTER HOSPICE COURSES are slated Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 14 at Madonna University. The non-credit fee is \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. For more information call 734-432-5731.

GERONTOLOGY COURSE called "Helping Dementia

Families" is slated at Madonna University in Livonia from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 through Feb. 26. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. For more information call 734-432-5731.

are slated from 8 p.m. every Friday at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Admission is \$5 after 8:30 p.m., \$3 before. Those 21 years or older are urged to wear dressy attire (no jeans). Manor is located on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster road. The hotline is 734-981-0909.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES offering two-for-one sales and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, sports, etc are being offered for \$40 by the Plymouth Community Chorus. Books can be delivered throughout western Wayne County. For more information call Stan: at 734-459-6829.

KIDNEY CAR DONATIONS The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now accepting used cars, boats, motorcycles and motor homes. Donors should call 1-800-488-CARS to arrange a pick-up date. They also are urged to consult their tax advisors for details regarding their specific situations. Funds raised from the vehicle sales are used to aid programs and services for Michigan's kidney patients.

MOM'S CLUB OF WESTLAND will meet again at 10 a.m. Jan. 20 at a new location -- Brayman

Lounge located in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford road. The club's program is as a non-profit, non-religious support group for stay at home mothers. For more information call Stephanie at 734-266-2919.

U.S.S. SINGLETONS Dearborn-Livonia chapter will have a dinner social at 2 p.m. Jan. 10th at Mountain Jack's Restaurant, south side of Warren Road west of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Single adults 45 years and older should write for more information to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP for western Wayne County meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Towne Square. The next meeting will be Nov. 18. For more information

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING free screening takes place from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City -- between Ford and Warren roads.

Correction Notice

In our January 14th ad, we advertised No Interest Financing 'til February 2000.

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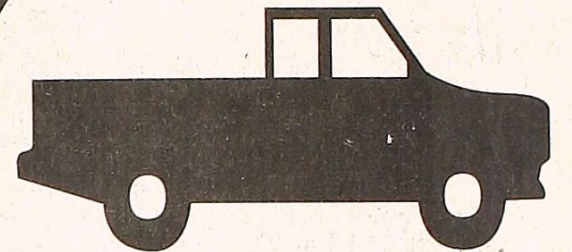
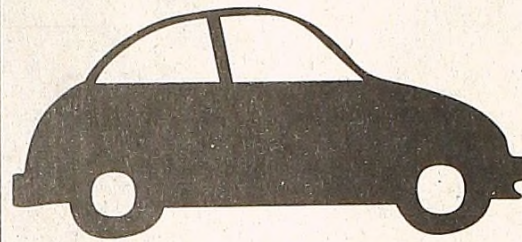
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Area receives \$137,000 to clean water

Governor John Engler today announced \$2.3 million in agricultural grants for projects planned to prevent ground water contamination. The grants will go to programs in 74 Michigan counties, including Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Over the last five years since the program was started, over \$8.3 million in funding has been distributed.

Funds for this program come from registration fees for pesticides and fertilizers paid by farmers, industry and homeowners.

The grants being issued to groups in Southeast Michigan include:

- *Michigan State University Extension, Macomb County, will receive \$20,400 to promote groundwater stewardship in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne

counties. The state and local matching funds will be used to help homeowners evaluate groundwater risk from fertilizer and pesticide activities, implement two teacher training sessions and 80 classroom presentations, deliver at least four presentations on proper septic system management, decommission 10 inoperative wells, expand soil testing through retail garden stores, and other activities.

- *Monroe County Soil Conservation District, serving Lenawee and Monroe counties, will receive \$86,150. Specific activities planned include conducting 15 on-farm sprayer calibrations, decommissioning 25 wells, providing 25 emergency pesticide spill kits, conducting 25 meetings to teach homeowners about groundwater risk from pesticides and fertilizers, and

other activities.

- *South Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) will receive \$10,000 for programs in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. SOCRRA will use state and local matching funds to develop hands on demonstrations and lesson plans for grade school teachers, including three teacher training workshops.

- *Washtenaw Soil Conservation District, serving Washtenaw and Wayne counties, will receive \$20,794. The district will use the funds to decommission 25 abandon wells including one at a public demonstration, calibrate 10 agricultural sprayers, host three septic system education programs, conduct 40 school presentations, help 1,000 homeowners assess their impacts on groundwater and

group presentations and individual assessments, train teachers and Master Gardeners on groundwater risk evaluation, and other activities.

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program is a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Agriculture, MSU Extension and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan AgriBusiness Association and the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture, which serves the state's second-largest industry is the official state agency charged with serving, promoting and protecting the food, agriculture and agricultural economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan.

Blue Angels flying at 1999 AirMichigan

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels Jet Demonstration Squadron is confirmed to headline the 1999 AirMichigan, Wayne County Air Show, June 26 & 27 at Willow Run Airport. The Blue Angels will dramatically show their aerobatic skills during a one-hour performance each day of the show. They will demonstrate both the high performance characteristics and the graceful formation capabilities of their sleek blue and gold F/A-18 Hornet fighter and attack aircraft.

The biannual event showcases world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family. This year's Show will also feature the Northcoast Aerospace Air Show Pilot Challenge Series. AirMichigan will be the first stop on this thrilling and competitive new Series. Six of the world's most accomplished aerobatic pilots will push themselves and their aircraft to the very edge of excellence in pursuit of prize money and individual honors. The four-city tour, organized by the Championship Air Show Pilots Association (CASPA), will include Detroit, Dayton, Oshkosh and Cleveland.

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Chamber winner announced

The December 20th drawing of the Westland chamber of commerce Beanie Baby drawing and cash raffle was held at Farwell and Friends Restaurant at 8051 Middlebelt Rd, in Westland. Several chamber members attended a sold-out Christmas sing-a-long at the restaurant hosted by owner Billy Farwell.

Raffle chair, Lisa Walker announced that the winners are the following:

- J.J. Zech of Wayne, \$500.
- John Owen, Westland-basket of Ty 1997 October released, 4th generation Beanie Babies-Snowball, '97 Teddy, Spinner, Gobbles and Batty.
- Gail Corrado, Westland-Princess Di Beanie Baby.

Proceeds will go towards the Joseph F. Benyo scholarship fund and the remainder will assist in small business programs.

Second 'Michigan Cares' relief sent to Central America

International Aid officials report a second airplane shipment of relief supplies will leave Selfridge Air Force Base Tuesday bound for Honduras as part of the "Michigan Cares" program.

The C130 will contain \$1 million worth of pharmaceutical supplies as well as medical supplies, hygiene kits, baby layettes, pasta, medical supplies, blankets and cleaning supplies. The total shipment is valued at \$1.4 million, according to international Aid's Chief Operating Officer Jinny De-Jong.

Michigan Gov. John Engler two weeks ago launched "Michigan Cares" in an effort to help the many Honduran and Nicaraguan victims of Hurricane Mitch. The storm claimed the lives of an estimated 10,000 people.

Thousands remain missing, and 1.8 million still homeless today.

Spring Lake-based International Aid, which ranks in the

top 100 non-profit organizations and in the top 20 relief and development organization in the United States, is coordinating the project.

Gov. Engler has sent letters to the state's pharmaceutical companies urging them to donate medications to International Aid for shipment to Central America. He has also authorized use of the Michigan Air National Guard when appropriate.

Earlier this month, the Air National Guard flew 385,000 pounds of beans donated by Michigan farmers and \$4.8 million of medicine donated by pharmaceutical companies to the stricken area.

International Aid has also sent assessment teams to Central America, the second of which was accompanied by Michigan Department of Community Health Director James K. Haveman Jr. Their reports from the field now indicate disease and lack of crops this spring are the biggest fears of

Central America residents, while officials there worry that shipments of relief supplies will taper off when they are still needed.

But International Aid President Ralph Plumb has said from the beginning that his agency will be involved for the long haul.

Those wishing to assist the agency in this effort can send checks to International Aid, Spring Lake, MI 49456 marked "Michigan Cares" or call 1-800-251-2502. All donations are tax deductible and will help make it possible to send life-saving supplies to Central America.

Through its global outreach, International Aid provided emergency relief, missionary assistance and medical aid with an estimated value of more than \$71 million in 1998. The agency is listed in the TOP 100 of non-profits in the U.S., according to the Non-Profit Times.

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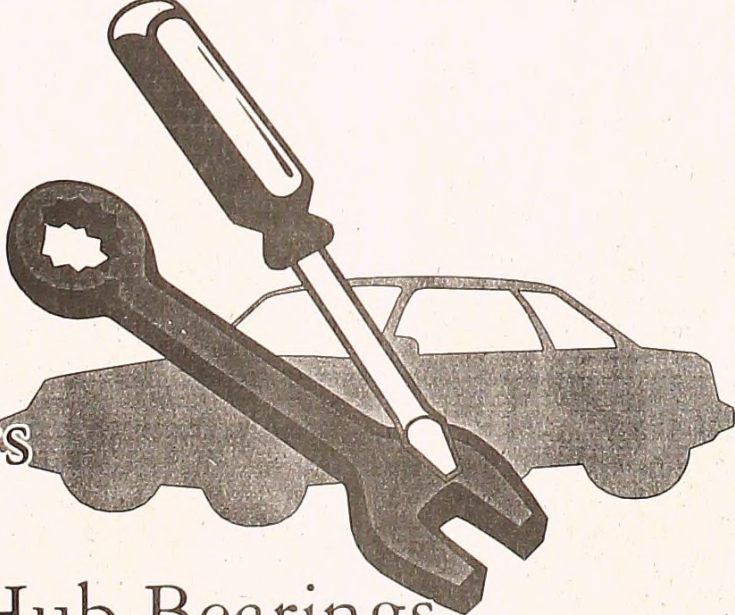
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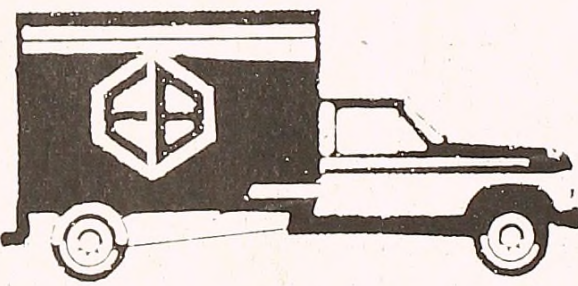
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ADAMS, VICTORIA ELIZABETH
 Age 2 months of Garden City, MI., passed away Dec. 30, 1998. Infant daughter of Clifton and Allison M. (Fratny) Adams. Granddaughter of Frank and Helen Vratny. Preceded in death by her paternal grandparents Lois and John Adams. Memorial services were held Jan. 6, 1999 at Grace Baptist Church in Belleville with Pastor Robert J. White, officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

AKERS, EUGENE DONALD
 Age 66, passed away Dec. 19, 1998 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw. Dear father of Lynda (Mike) Meyer, Diann (Steve) Sanders, Sharron (David) Marden, Eugene Donald (Yvonne) Akers, II, and John Raymond (Nancy). Also survived by 2 brothers, 3 sisters and 9 grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 23, 1998 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Oakland Hills, Cemetery in Novi.

ALTSTADT, JR., GEORGE E.
 Age 92 of Mason, MI., formerly of Wayne, passed away Jan. 1, 1999. Born Aug. 28, 1906 in New York City, NY. Mr. Altstadt is survived by his nephews, Frank (Marianne) McDonnell of Mason, Thomas (Judy) McDonnell of Loveland, CO and Fred Altstadt, Jr., of San Jose, CA; nieces, Catherine McDonnell of Yucca Valley, CA. and Maureen (James) Hare of Fairbanks, Alaska; 10 great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 1999 at the Gorsline-Hunciman Co. Ball-Dunn Chapel, 621 S. Jefferson, Mason with the Rev. Kenneth McDonald, Pastor of St. James Catholic Church, officiating. Entombment followed in Cadillac Memorial Gardens

West, Westland, MI.

ANDERSON, ROLAND HARRY
 Age 62 of Westland, passed away Jan. 1, 1999. Beloved husband of Barbara Ann. Dear father of Catherine (Thomas) Martin, Kelly (Thomas) Murphy, Susan (Thomas) Pietruszka and Roland Jr. (Jessica). Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Preceded in death by his sister Linda Medina. Services were held Jan. 5 at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Hgts., MI. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

BLOCK, ERVIN ELMER
 Age 78 of Farwell, MI., passed away Dec. 30, 1998 at Central Michigan Community Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Ervin was born Jan. 2, 1920 in Romulus, MI, the son of Charles and Emma (Fisher) Block. Mr. Block served in the U.S. Army during WW II. He had resided in rural Farwell since 1981, moving from Romulus. He was a brick mason by trade. Surviving are his wife, Rose of Farwell, three sons; Linn and Michael Block, both of Janesville, Wisconsin and Randy Block of Columbia, Tennessee, two brothers; Charles and Delton Block, both of Romulus, a sister; Ruth Ferkovich of Westland, numerous grand and great-grandchildren plus other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Debra Sowle and four brothers; John, Wilbur, Lowell and Albert. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison, MI.

BOWERS, STEPHANIE
 Age 86, passed away Dec. 31, 1998. Loving mother of Stanley (Nancy), Carol (Richard) Holman and Gary. Grandmother of 7 and great grandmother of 8. Services were held Jan. 4, 1999 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

BROWN, FLORENCE SHIPP
 Age 81 of Westland, passed away Jan. 3, 1999. Dear mother Fredrick and James. Grandmother of Michael, Christopher, Rebecca and Ashley. Great Grandmother of Tyler Logan. Also survived by 2 sisters and 1 brother. Services were held Jan. 7 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Garden West in Westland.

BRYSON, RUBY EUGENE
 Age 86 of Inkster, passed away Nov. 10, 1998. She leaves to mourn one son, Bobby & Nancy; 4 granddaughters, Barbara, Yvette, Deltra and Kimberly; 4 great grandchildren, 1 sister and a host of family and friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with final services held at Gray Court, South Carolina.

CARNES, JR., JAMES
 Age 67 of Romulus, passed away Dec. 31, 1998. Beloved husband of Natalie J. Dear father of Dixie Lee, Cindy Lou Diaz and Rebecca Ann. Also survived by 1 brother, 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Services were held Jan. 4, 1999 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

CHAMPAGNE, ELEANOR EDNA
 Age 76 of Romulus, passed away Dec. 25, 1998. Dear mother of Mary Champagne and Randy Champagne. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Henry. Services were held Dec. 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

COTHORN, MARGUERITE
 Age 89 of Belleville, passed away Dec. 24, 1998. Dear mother of John (Connie). Also survived by 2 grandchildren. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

DOBBS, JOSEPH JOHN
 Age 88 of Westland, passed away Dec. 26, 1998. Beloved husband of Evelyn. Dear father of Gerald and Joseph (Alice). Also survived by 4 sisters, 1 brother, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

GENAW, MARGARET
 Age 84 of Romulus, passed away Dec. 28, 1998. Beloved wife of Melvin G. Dear mother of Mary J. Killian, Robert J., Edward G., John F., and Joseph B. Also survived by 1 sister, 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 2 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

GOODWIN, JR., DANIEL N.
 Age 47 of Inkster, passed away Nov. 4, 1998. Dear father of Deon, Yolanda, Dante, Asia and Devin, Christine Renee. Also survived by his mother Miriam, father Daniel, stepfather Charles, 2 sisters, 1 brother, special friend Geri and a host of family and friends. Services were held Nov. 11 at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with interment at Romulus Cemetery.

GREEN, MARISSA R.
 Passed away Dec. 25, 1998, of Romulus. Infant daughter of Paul & Sandra and sister of Paul Jr. & Shelby L. Granddaughter of Gail & Holly Rutherford and Lloyd & Mary Nault. Great granddaughter of Neil & Bonnie Rutherford and James & Rose Strong. Also survived by Special Aunts Ronda Peruski, Vicki Sanderson and Doreen Eaton. Services were held Dec. 28 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Special memorial contributions may be made to Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

GRUBB, RUTH VIRGINIA
 Age 81 of Plymouth, passed away Dec. 29, 1998. Dear mother of Robert Keith (Mary-Ann), Glenn Allan and Paul (Sue). Services were held Jan. 2, 1999 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

HAMAN, ANNA MARY
 Age 91, passed away Dec. 31, 1998. Dear mother of Dolores Hendershot, Rose Mary Barnhart, Arthur, and Kathleen. Grandmother of 17 and Great Grandmother of Mary. Preceded in death by her husband, Charles L. Arrangements through the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

HOFF, REV. EDWIN C.
 Age 76 of Belleville, passed away Jan. 4, 1999. Beloved husband of Mary E. (Jones) Hoff. Dear brother of Alice (Robert) Day, Lucille Sigler and Marjorie (John) Kill. Rev. Hoff was preceded in death by his parents, the late Edwin & Helen Hoff and one brother Neil. Services were held Jan 9 at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, where he has served as a minister for 26 years, with Dr. John F. Grenfell and Rev. Joy Arthur co-officiating. Interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial contributions to the Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

KUEHN III, EDWARD C.
 Age 68 of Belleville, passed away Dec. 28, 1998. Dear father of David (Della) and Debra (Mark) Wilson. Also survived by 3 grandchildren; Edward & Amanda Kuehn and Stephanie Wilson; and 3 sisters. Preceded in death by his parents Edward & Marie Kuehn II. Services were held Dec. 31, 1998 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

LANDA, MARY
 Age 71 of Westland, passed away Dec. 22, 1998. Beloved wife of Jerry J. Landa. Dear mother of Nancy M. (Jeff) Ainsworth and Jerry J. Jr. Also survived by 2 grandchildren, 1 nephew and 3 nieces. Services were held Dec. 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Cremation was accorded.

LAW, SR., DELBERT S.
 Age 96 of Belleville, passed away Jan. 3, 1999. Dear father of Delbert S. Law Jr., Betty J. Dotson and James R. Law Sr. Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, Pearl and a daughter Margaret L. Rouster. Grave side services were held Jan. 6 at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

LAW, WILLIAM R.
 Age 90 of Belleville, passed away Dec. 24, 1998. Dear father of William (Lisle), Barbara, Eileen (Stephen) Kuchta and Nancy Potts. Also survived by brother Delbert Law, 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, Doris, a son Richard and 6 siblings. Services were held Dec. 29, 1998 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

MACQUEEN, LESLIE EDWARD
 Age 75 of Westland, passed away Jan. 3, 1999. Dear father of Sharon Rainey, Judy, Janet and Mark. Grandfather of 6,

great grandfather of 4. Preceded in death by his wife, Ada Frances. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

PINKOWSKI, MARIE ALICE
 Age 76 of Warren, MI., passed away Dec. 24, 1998. Dear mother of Louise (Michael) McKenna, Theresa McCullough, Robert (Deborah), and Martin (Ann). Also survived by 1 brother, 16 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Preceded in death by her husband Archie and daughter Christine Tewart. Services were held Dec. 28 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Cremation rites were accorded.

PRIESKORN, CAROLE J.
 Age 67 of Mears, MI., formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away Dec. 28, 1998 in Del Webb Memorial Hospital, Sun City West, AZ. She along with her husband Louis have been wintering in Arizona for the past twelve years. Carole was born on June 16, 1931 in Gleason, WI to Roscoe and Dorothy (Bollschmeider) Dayton. She married Robert DuBois in 1956, he preceded her in death in 1972. She then married Louis Prieskorn in June of 1976.

She was a graduate of Bellvue High School and Western Michigan University. She taught elementary education in the Van Buren School District for 30 years until retiring. She was a member of the Phoenix First Assembly of God and was a past member and organist at the Ypsilanti Assembly of God for over 30 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother, Dorothy Dayton of Palm Beach Gardens, FL., three sons; Scott (Linda) DuBois of Savannah, GA., David (Angie) Prieskorn of Brighton, and Daniel (Paige) Prieskorn of Canton; one daughter Linda VanWyck of Shelby, MI.; one sister, Mae (Frank) Cathy of North Palm Beach, FL.; ten grandchildren, Joshua and Christopher DuBois, Melissa, Daniel, Michael, Amanda, Emily, and Jessica Prieskorn and Anna and Steven VanWyck. In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 1999 at the Assembly of God Church in Ypsilanti with Rev. Robert Jones officiating. Interment followed at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Arrangements by Chalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to The Phoenix First Assembly of God Benevolent Fund.

REEL, HARLEY L.
 Harley L. Reel, Venice, died Dec. 14, 1998. He was born Feb. 23, 1914, in Vincennes, Ind., and came to Venice eight years ago from Ellenton. He retired after 36 years as fire chief for County General Hospital in Wayne, Mich. He was past president of the Rotary Club in Romulus, Mich, and a member of Venice Golf and Country Club. Survivors include his wife, Beverly J.; three sons, Kerry of Livonia, Randall Roeser of Cape Coral and Donald Roeser of Belleville; two daughters, Debra of Redford and Brenda Damina

of Fort Lauderdale; three sisters, Virginia Parker, Betty Burton and Mary Lou Chastain, all of Indiana and eight grandchildren. No services are scheduled at this time. Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel, is in charge. Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, South Sarasota Unit, 2100 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite B, Venice, FL. 34293.

RICKMAN, WILLIAM PAUL
 Age 53 of Van Buren, MI., passed away Dec. 26, 1998. Survived by 1 sister, Mary Mallard, 2 nephews, 1 niece and 7 great nieces & nephews. Services were held Dec. 30 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

ROBERTS, ELBERT
 Age 85 of Inkster, passed away Nov. 10, 1998. Beloved husband of Ruby. Dear father of Daily, JoAnn and Dollie. Also survived by 1 sister, 12 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Services were held at Romulus Community Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

SEARCY, JACQUELYNN K.
 Age 74 of Inkster, passed away Nov. 16, 1998. Services were held at Pilgrims Travelers Baptist Church with Rev. Charlie Knighten, officiating, and interment at United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

SHORTER, REDIE
 Age 73 of Inkster, passed away Nov. 9, 1998. Dear father of Michael, grandfather of Zana, Tyress and Sharon, Godfather of Avon. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home on Nov. 13 with interment at United Memorial Gardens.

SPRAGUE, S. EWART
 Age 98 of Wayne, passed away Jan. 4, 1999. Dear father of Samuel and friends of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Roe. Preceded in death by wife Leah. Services were held at Park Cemetery in Iron Mountain, MI. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

TYLER, LILLER MAE
 Age 90 of Detroit, passed away Nov. 14, 1998. Dear mother of Annie Mae. Also survived by 1 sister, 1 great grandchild, 2 great great grandchildren. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster on Nov. 21 with interment at Westlawn Cemetery.

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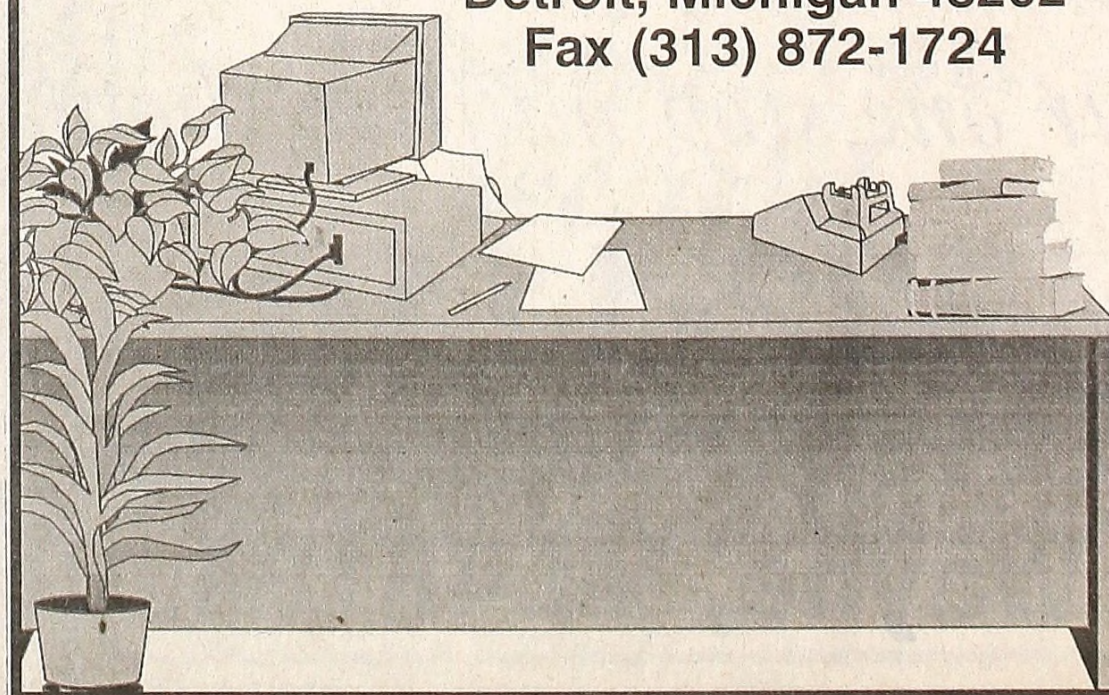
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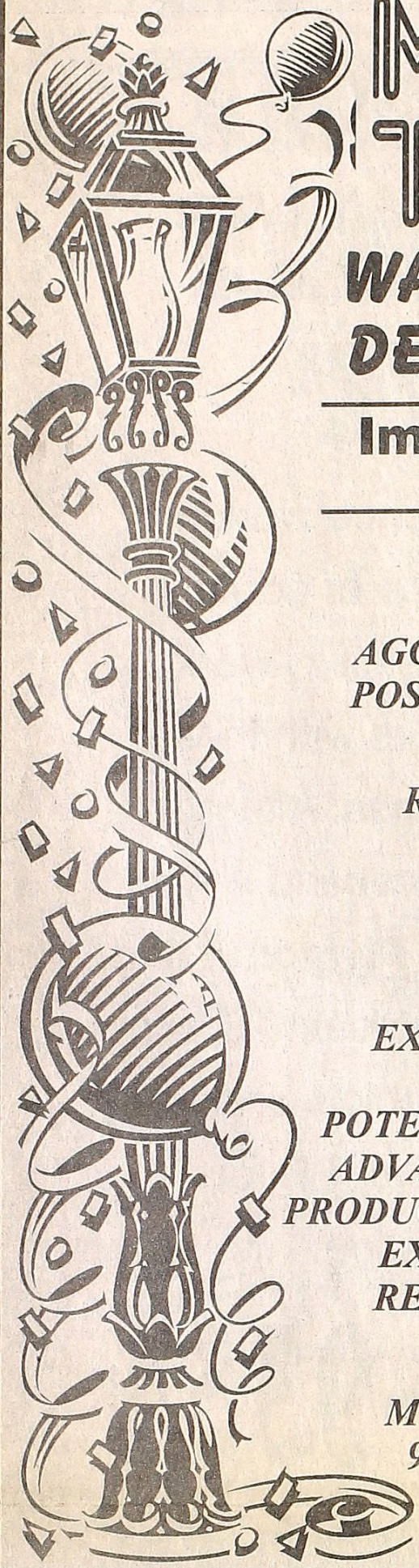
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